

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA
MINUTES

Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

December 12, 2013
9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jay Shaw, Chairman
Don Grantham, Vice Chairman
Emily Dunn, Secretary
Ann Purcell
Johnny Floyd
Sam Wellborn
Robert Brown
Stacey Key
Dan Moody
Rudy Bowen
Jeff Lewis
Dana Lemon
Roger Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jamie Boswell

DOT STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Keith Golden, Commissioner
Todd Long, Deputy Commissioner
Angela Whitworth
Russell McMurry, Chief Engineer
Matt Cline, General Counsel

Chairman Jay Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Todd Long gave the invocation.

Chairman Shaw asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2013 meetings. Don Grantham made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2013 meetings, seconded by Ann Purcell and unanimously approved.*

Bobby Hilliard, Program Control Administrator, presented the projects proposed for the January 2014 Letting for approval. Chairman Shaw asked for a motion to approve. Roger Williams made a motion to approve the projects proposed for the January 2014 Letting, seconded by Sam Wellborn and unanimously approved.*

Matt Cline, General Counsel, provided an update on three legal cases and their respective status.

Keith Golden, Commissioner, gave his monthly report, which included state fund collections; total employment figure for the month ending November 2013; major projects opened to traffic; special recognitions for Marlo Clowers, the GDOT Scholarship Award winners and Our GDOT Challenge winners, LMIG application status and a review of fatalities statistics year to date.

Chairman Shaw asked for a motion to approve the following resolution. Sam Wellborn made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Don Grantham and unanimously approved.

Resolution

WHEREAS, Eric Pitts, P.E., a native Georgian, graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering in 1991, and started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts began his career as a summer employee in the District Seven Chamblee office monitoring aspects of construction activities, and moved to the position of summer Civil Engineer Trainee also in the Chamblee office; and

WHEREAS, he then was hired full time in the Department's Atlanta office as a Transportation Engineer II Trainee, became a full Transportation Engineer II back in District Seven, and was promoted back to the Atlanta office as a Transportation Engineer III. Eric was promoted to Area Engineer in the District Two Area 4 office in Augusta before moving to Thomaston as the Assistant District Maintenance Engineer in District Three; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts returned to Atlanta in the position of State Maintenance Administrative Engineer, later joined the Maintenance Activities Unit based in Forest Park as a Maintenance Activities Engineer, and once again was promoted to the Atlanta office as the Assistant State Maintenance Engineer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts, a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia, has most recently held the position of State Maintenance Engineer, responsible for management of all maintenance, resurfacing and daily operations of 47,000 lane miles in the State, and coordination of all maintenance efforts in the Districts; and

WHEREAS, Eric Pitts was instrumental in leading the Department's forces through numerous emergency situations and served as the main liaison with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, and tirelessly worked on the development of on-call contractor services for deployment during those emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pitts' expertise has been sought nationwide by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Transportation Research Board, the National Cooperative Highway Research Program and other industry organizations; and

WHEREAS, Eric Pitts has proven to be an integral part of the GDOT organization and has provided outstanding faithful full-time service to Georgia DOT and the people of Georgia for 26 years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Eric Pitts for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to Eric Pitts in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

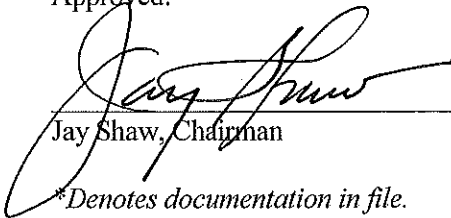
Adopted this the 12th day of December, 2013.

Rudy Bowen gave a report from the Program Delivery Committee.* There was no action taken at the meeting.

Emily Dunn gave a report from the Property Utilization Committee.* There was no action taken at this committee.

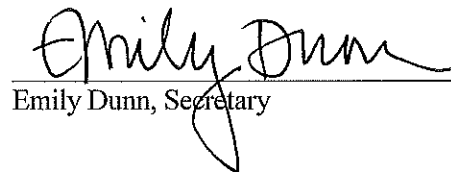
There being no further business, Chairman Shaw adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Approved:


Jay Shaw, Chairman

**Denotes documentation in file.*

Respectfully submitted:


Emily Dunn, Secretary